

1. Remarks

In the subject Office Action, the Examiner issued an Election of Species and Restriction Requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.121. In response to the Examiner's Office Action, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species 1 as identified in the subject Office Action, including the species illustrated by Figures 4 through 5, and 7 through 10. Applicant submits that claims readable on Species 1 are Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14 through 17, and 19.

The Examiner's identification of distinct species does not list Figures 16 through 19. Applicants submit that Figures 16 through 19 are properly considered within the elected Species 1 and would include Claim 5. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider these additional figures and claim as part of the elected species. Should the Examiner deem these additional figures and claim not to be part of the elected species, Applicants will not further traverse that conclusion.

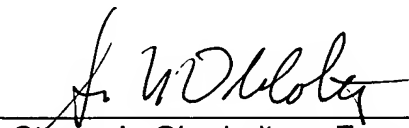
Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-referenced election and look forward to receiving an Office Action on the merits of this application.

Applicant notes that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully Submitted,

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